(c) 21 foreign coaches and experts in Sports Science are currently training our sportspersons at different Centres.

Setting up of English Medium Teachers Training College in Delhi

238. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is not a single English Medium Teachers Training College in Delhi thereby leading to poor teaching standards in Delhi Schools;

(b) whether it is a fact that Happy Hours Foundation, Delhi had started a Training Institute but this was discontinued in 1978 due to inordinate delay by Government to extend recognition thereto despite its approval and assessment by NCERT as reported in Neighbourhood Star of 1st to 7th April, 1989; and

(c) whether Government propose to allow the Happy Hours Foundation, Delhi to restart the course with full support from Government in their pioneering effort?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No, Sir. There are two recognised teacher training institutions at degree level and four at nursery level imparting training in English medium to teacher trainees in Delhi.

(b) As per records of Delhi Administration, the Institute was not a recognised one. Hence the facts regarding closure of the Institute are not in the knowledge of Delhi Administration.

(c) There is no such proposal with the Delhi Administration.

Traffic Safety Week

239. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Traffic Safety Week has been observed from April 3rd, 1989 all over the country;

(b) whether this occasion was observed by involving NGO, Public Interest Information of Joint Traffic Management Committees alongwith Traffic Police and other involved Departments in every city/town and at State and National levels; and

(c) whether a beginning was made at Delhi which has one of the most mismanaged traffic systems in the country, if so, with what success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Besides the agencies of the Central Government, the State Governments and UT Administrations, non-governmental organisations such as Federation of Indian Automobile Associations with all their constituents were associated in the events and programmes relating to observance of road safety week.

(c) Delhi Traffic Police, Directorate of Transport of Delhi Administration, D.T.C. and the Automobile Association had undertaken a number of programmes aimed at improving road safety awareness in Delhi. Besides wide publicity on road safety awareness through media, the measures undertaken included deployment of traffic police personnel at important road crossings, more effective enforcement of traffic rules, conducting smoke emission tests on motor vehicles, organisation of eye-testing camps at selected points, deployment of DTC supervisory staff at important bus-stops to ensure proper stoppages of buses, the checking of brakes and

indicator lights in buses. The National Road Safety Week helped to emphasise the need for road safety and to increase the public awareness of its importance and the measures necessary for it.

National Highways in U.P.

240. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have been neglecting Uttar Pradesh in the matter of declaring the State Highways as National Highways and have been ignoring the requests of the State Government in this regard;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the details of the requests made by the State Government during the last three years for the above purpose and how many of the above requests have been acceded to by the Central Government so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. In the Sixth Five Year Plan about 285 Kms. road length was added to the National Highways network in Uttar Pradesh bringing the total kilometerage in the State to 2613. The emphasis in Seventh Plan has been on improvements and further development of the existing National Highways network. *A total of Rs. 108,98 crores* has been spent for this purpose in Seventh Plan upto February, 1989.

(c) During the Seventh Five Year Plan period, the Uttar Pradesh Government projected eleven States roads for being declared as National Highways, as shown in the Statement. (*See* below). However, it has not been possible so far to include any of these in the National Highways network owing to limitation of resources and other priority considerations.

Statement

The roads forwarded by the Uttar Pradesh Government in VII Plan for being classified as National Highways

S. No.	Name of the Road
1	L.R.P. Road (Bareilly-Amingaon)
2	Lucknow-Raibareilly-Allahabad-Mirzapur-Robertsganj-Chopan-Duddhi-Ranchi Road.
3	Lucknow-Sultanpur-Ara-Patna Road.
4	Lucknow-Bachhrawan-Lalganj-Fatehpur-Banda-Sagar-Bhopal Road.
5	Pilibheet-Haridwar-Pontanahan-Ambala Road.
6	Ghaziabad-Meerut-Haridwar.
7	Gwalior-Jhansi-Khajuraho-Rewa.
8	Gorakhpur-Nautahwa.
9	Raipur-Varanasi.
10	Ghazipur-Balia-Chhapra-Hajipur.
11	G.T. Road (Ghaziabad-Aligarh-Kanpur).